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**TO: DSH (01) Hospital Provider Letter: A-226
Mental (02) Hospital Provider Letter: A-88**

RE: DSH Poverty Guidelines 2007

Dear KyHealth Choices Provider:

The enclosed application for the Disproportionate Share Hospital Program (DSH-001) is to be used by DSH hospitals to screen for Medicaid and KCHIP eligibility and to determine eligibility for funding under the DSH program. This updated application includes the federal poverty guidelines that go into effect on April 01, 2007. Completed applications are to be retained by the hospitals with the patient records.

First, an individual is to be screened for Medicaid or KCHIP eligibility prior to making a determination of eligibility for DSH funding. If an individual meets the criteria to be referred for Medicaid or KCHIP, you may not submit their data for DSH funding. All referrals for Medicaid or KCHIP are to be made to the local Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) office in the individual's county of residence.

Second, only after an individual has applied and been denied Medicaid or KCHIP eligibility, may you make a determination of eligibility for DSH funds. Use the enclosed application to determine eligibility for DSH funds without referring to DCBS.

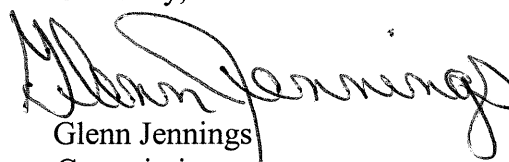
For inpatient services, the number of indigent inpatient days and the associated charges need to be submitted to the Department for Medicaid Services. For outpatient services, only the charges for indigent care need be submitted. From this data, the Department will calculate your proportionate share of available DSH funds.



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If you have additional questions, please contact Scott Swinney at 502-564-6511.

Sincerely,



Glenn Jennings
Commissioner

Enclosure

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The following information is required to determine if an individual who requests or has already received hospital services is eligible for Disproportionate Share Hospital services or should be referred to the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) to officially apply for Medicaid or KCHIP. Refer **all uninsured children aged 19 and under** to the DCBS office in the county of the individual's residence for a KCHIP eligibility determination.

- If the answer to question 14 is **yes**, go to question 15. If the answer to question 14 is **no**, advise the patient that he/she does not meet criteria for eligibility for DSH and complete Section V.

- ### Household Members

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16. Does the individual have dependent children living in the home ? Yes ☐ No ☐
- (a) **If the answer to question 16 is YES**, refer the individual to DCBS for Medicaid;
- (b) If the answer to question 16 is **NO**, refer the individual to DCBS for Medicaid **ONLY IF** the individual has **NOT** received a denial from Medicaid within 30 days; **or**,
- (c) If the- individual who has no children less than 18 years of age, claims to be disabled, refer the individual to the **Social Security Administration** to apply for SSI.

17. Income Information:

Patient/Responsible Party Employer_____

Spouse Employer_____

Work Phone_____

Total Gross Monthly Income:_____

Other Income:

Unemployment_____

Soc. Sec._____ Workers Comp_____

SSI_____ Other_____

Total Family Unit Gross Monthly Income: \$_____

18. Insurance Information:

Health/Life Insurance:_____ Phone#_____

Policy #_____ Group#_____

Policy Holder_____ Relation to Patient_____

19. List the patient's countable resources below. Countable resources include: a checking account, savings account, stock, bond, mutual fund, certificate of deposit, money market account.

Countable Resources

	Bank Name	Balance/Value
Checking		
Savings		
Certificate Of deposit		
Money market		
Mutual fund		
Stocks		
Bonds		
Other		

***Total Health Bills Owed: \$_____**

Total Resource: \$_____

***Note:** COUNTABLE RESOURCES SHALL BE REDUCED BY UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES OF THE FAMILY UNIT TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY.

Other Information:

Was date of service related to an auto accident? _____

SECTION II. Hospital Indigent Care Criteria

- (1) An individual must meet all of the following conditions:
- (a) The individual is a resident of Kentucky.
 - (b) The individual is **not eligible** for Medicaid.
 - (c) The individual is **not** covered by a 3rd party payor.
 - (d) The individual is **not** in the custody of a unit of government which is responsible for coverage of the acute care needs of the individual.
 - (e) The individual meets the following income and resource criteria:

Household Size	Resource Limit	100% of the Poverty Level (Monthly Income Limit)*	100% of the Poverty Level (Annual Income Limit)*
1	\$2,000.00	\$850.00	\$10,210.00
2	\$4,000.00	\$1,140.00	\$13,690.00
3	\$4,050.00	\$1,430.00	\$17,170.00
4	\$4,100.00	\$1,720.00	\$20,650.00
5	\$4,150.00	\$2,010.00	\$24,130.00

***Note-** Income limits are effective April 1, 2007

- (2) **All income** of a family unit is to be counted and a family unit includes:
- (a) The individual;
 - (b) The individual's spouse who lives in the home;
 - (c) A parent or parents, of a minor child, who lives in the home;
 - (d) All minor children who live in the home.
- (3) Related and nonrelated household member(s) who do not fall into one of the groups listed above shall be considered a separate family unit.
- (4) **Countable resources are limited to** cash, checking and savings accounts, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, and money market accounts.
- (5) Countable resources may be reduced by unpaid medical expenses of the family unit to determine eligibility.

SECTION III. Certifying Accuracy of Information

I hereby agree to furnish the Hospital all necessary information to allow them to determine my need to receive financial assistance for health care services received. I agree that the Hospital will be provided with or may obtain all documents necessary to verify my current income, employment status, and resources, and that failure to supply requested information within **ten (10)** working days is grounds for denial of my application for assistance. I also agree to notify the Hospital immediately of any change of address, telephone number, employment status, or income.

I agree to allow the Hospital representative to determine eligibility and pursue state and federal assistance with Medicaid, KCHIP and DSH.

I certify that the information provided on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I give false information or withhold information in accepting assistance, I may be subject to prosecution for fraud. I understand that I have a right to request a fair hearing if I am dissatisfied with any action taken on my application. I understand that I must contact the hospital to make a hearing request.

Individual or Responsible Party's Signature

Date

Hospital Employee Signature

Date

Does the individual appear to qualify for Medicaid or KCHIP?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, then refer the individual to the DCBS office in the county of the individual's residence. The individual should take a copy of this form with him/her to the DCBS office.

SECTION IV. Refusal to Apply for

Medicaid

The individual or his responsible party shall sign below if he refuses to apply for Medicaid.

I refuse to apply for Medicaid or KCHIP coverage. I understand that this refusal may result in me being billed for any services performed.

Individual or Responsible Party's Signature

Date

SECTION V. Indigent Care

Denial

The individual does not meet the criteria for indigent care. The individual may request a fair hearing regarding this determination within 30 days of this determination. The hospital shall conduct a fair hearing within 30 days of receiving the individual's hearing request.

Hospital Employee Signature

Date

RETAIN A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION IN THE PATIENT'S RECORDS.
THIS DETERMINATION IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL'S
FINANCIAL SITUATION CHANGES.